

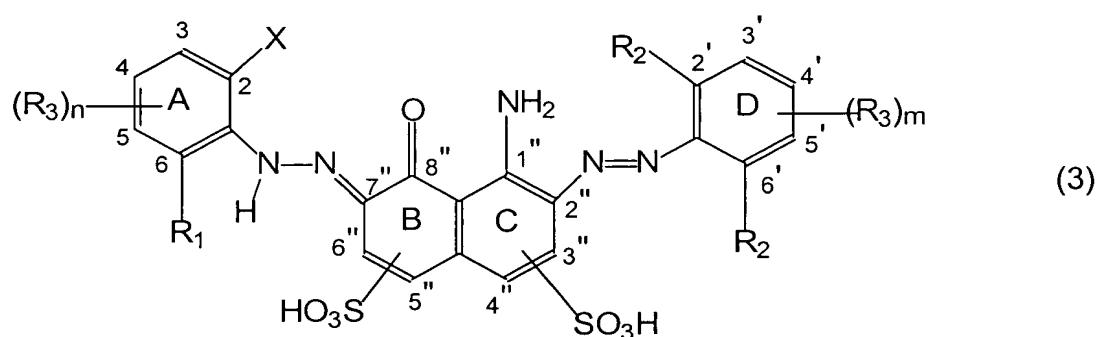
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled).

9. (New) A compound of Formula 3



wherein

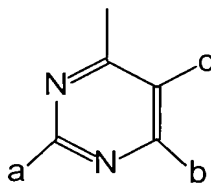
X is selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine;

R₁ is selected from the group consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, hydrogen and R₃;

each R₂ is the same or different and is hydrogen or R₃; and

each R₃ is the same or different and is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, acylamino, cyano, -COOH, -COOR₄, -SO₃H, -NO₂, -SO₂Y, -NHCOY, -A and -B, wherein R₄ is an esterifying group, Y is selected from the group consisting of β-sulphatoethyl, β-chloroethyl, β-thiosulphatoethyl, vinyl, quaternary ammonium ethyl and β-acyloxyethyl, wherein the acyl radical is a radical of an acid selected from the group consisting of alkane carboxylic acid, benzoic acid and benzene sulphonic acid;

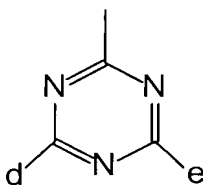
A is of Formula 4



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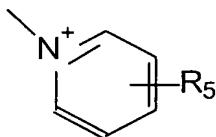
and

B is of Formula 5



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wherein a-e are each selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-\text{SO}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, Na^+ and $-\text{N}^+(\text{R})_3$, wherein R is CH_3 or of Formula 6



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wherein R_5 is in a meta or para position to the N^+ and is H or COOH , wherein each of A and B is optionally linked to rings A or D through an $-\text{NH}-$ group;

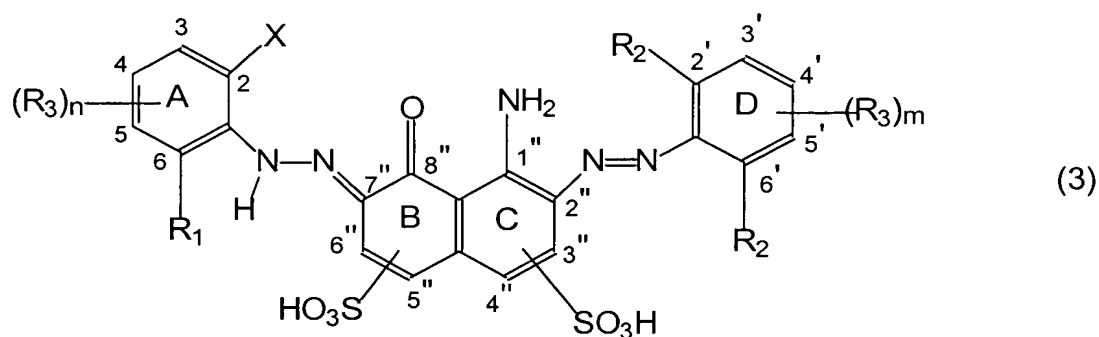
provided that at least one of the R_3 moieties is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_2\text{Y}$, $-\text{NHCOY}$, -A and -B;

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

m is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

or a water soluble salt thereof.

10. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 9, wherein R_4 is alkyl.
11. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 9, wherein X is chlorine.
12. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 9, wherein X is chlorine or bromine, R_1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, chlorine and bromine, each R_2 is the same or different and is hydrogen or $-SO_3H$, the R_3 group in ring A is in the 4 or 5 position and is sulphato-ethane-sulphonyl, the R_3 group in ring D is in the 4' or 5' position and is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, sulphato-ethane-sulphonyl, $-SO_3H$, $-NHA$ and $-NHB$, n is 1, and m is 1.
13. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 9, wherein X is chlorine, R_1 is hydrogen, R_2 is hydrogen, the R_3 group in ring A is in the 4 or 5 position and is sulphato-ethane-sulphonyl, the R_3 group in ring D is in the 4' or 5' position and is sulphato-ethane-sulphonyl, n is 1, and m is 1.
14. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 13, wherein the SO_3H group in ring B is in the 6" position, and the SO_3H group in ring C is in the 3" position.
15. (New) A method for dyeing fibers, the method comprising dyeing fibers selected from the group consisting of cellulose, wool and polyamide, with a compound as claimed in claim 9, to produce a dyed yarn or fabric which has enhanced dye fastness relative to Reactive Black 5 when washed in aqueous detergent containing peroxy bleach.
16. (New) A method for dyeing fibers, the method comprising dyeing fibers selected from the group consisting of cellulose, wool and polyamide, with a dye having a previously published property of enhanced dye fastness relative to Reactive Black 5 when washed in aqueous detergent containing peroxy bleach, to produce a dyed yarn or fabric, wherein the dye is a compound as claimed in claim 9.
17. (New) A compound of Formula 3



wherein

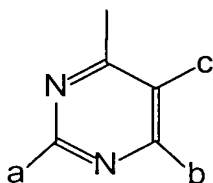
X is chlorine or bromine;

R₁ is selected from the group consisting of chlorine, bromine and hydrogen;

each R₂ is the same or different and is hydrogen or -SO₃H; and

each R₃ is the same or different and is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, sulphato-ethane-sulphonyl, -SO₃H, -A and -B;

A is of Formula 4



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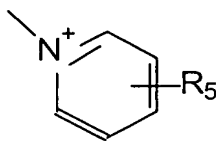
and

B is of Formula 5



(5)

wherein a-e are each selected from the group consisting of halogen, $-\text{SO}_2\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{SO}_3^-$ Na^+ and $-\text{N}^+(\text{R})_3$, wherein R is CH_3 or of Formula 6



(6)

wherein R_5 is in a meta or para position to the N^+ and is H or COOH , wherein each of A and B is optionally linked to rings A or D through an $-\text{NH}-$ group;

provided that at least one of the R_3 moieties is sulphato-ethane-sulphonyl;

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

m is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

or a water soluble salt thereof.

18. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 17, wherein X is chlorine, R_1 is hydrogen, R_2 is hydrogen, the R_3 group in ring A is in the 4 or 5 position and is sulphato-ethane-sulphonyl, the R_3 group in ring D is in the 4' or 5' position and is sulphato-ethane-sulphonyl, n is 1, and m is 1.

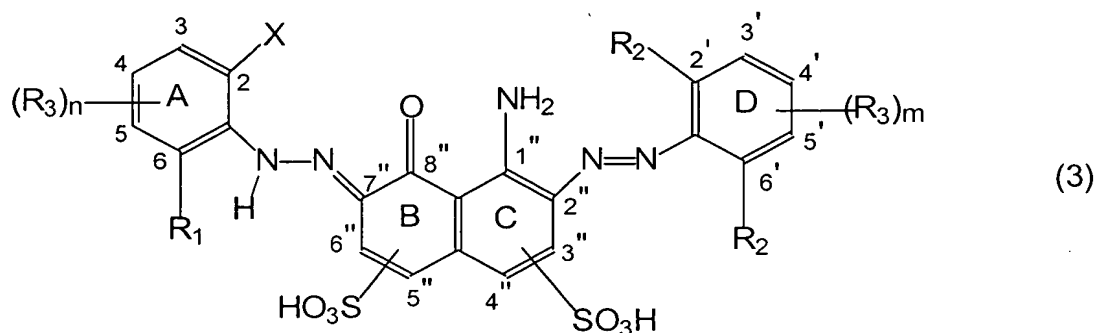
19. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 18, wherein the SO_3H group in ring B is in the 6" position, and the SO_3H group in ring C is in the 3" position.

20. (New) A method for dyeing fibers, the method comprising dyeing fibers selected from the group consisting of cellulose, wool and polyamide, with a compound as claimed in claim 17, to produce a dyed yarn or fabric which has enhanced dye fastness relative to Reactive Black 5 when washed in aqueous detergent containing peroxy bleach.

21. (New) A method for dyeing fibers, the method comprising dyeing fibers selected from the group consisting of cellulose, wool and polyamide, with a dye having a

previously published property of enhanced dye fastness relative to Reactive Black 5 when washed in aqueous detergent containing peroxy bleach, to produce a dyed yarn or fabric, wherein the dye is a compound as claimed in claim 17.

22. (New) A compound of Formula 3



wherein

X is chlorine;

R₁ is hydrogen;

R₂ is hydrogen; and

each R₃ is in the 4 or 5 position and is sulphato-ethane-sulphonyl;

n is 1; and

m is 1;

or a water soluble salt thereof.

23. (New) A compound as claimed in claim 14, wherein the SO₃H group in ring B is in the 6" position, and the SO₃H group in ring C is in the 3" position.

24. (New) A method for dyeing fibers, the method comprising dyeing fibers selected from the group consisting of cellulose, wool and polyamide, with a compound as claimed in claim 22, to produce a dyed yarn or fabric which has enhanced dye fastness relative to Reactive Black 5 when washed in aqueous detergent containing peroxy bleach.

25. (New) A method for dyeing fibers, the method comprising dyeing fibers selected from the group consisting of cellulose, wool and polyamide, with a dye having a previously published property of enhanced dye fastness relative to Reactive Black 5 when washed in aqueous detergent containing peroxy bleach, to produce a dyed yarn or fabric, wherein the dye is a compound as claimed in claim 22.